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**UNLAWFUL BAKING AND SELLING OF LEMON
MERINGUE PIE - UNLAWFUL CONTRIBUTION TO
COMMUNITY FOOD FUNDRAISER - BAKING PIES IN
UNCERTIFIED KITCHEN FOR FUNDRAISING PURPOSES**

DOROTHY HAHN



DESCRIPTION

Height - pretty short

Age - none of your damn business

Weight - 100 lbs when packing a pie

Criminal Record - illegal pie making, 62 years

Occupation - pie maker for community fundraisers

PLEASE SUPPORT HB191!



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

January 14, 2011

Box 804

Townsend, MT 5964

To Whom It May Concern:

Since the first settlers came to Montana there has been an understood 'neighbors helping neighbors' attitude which continues to this day, perhaps especially in our small towns. We don't ask a lot of questions, we see or hear of a need and try to take care of it.

As members of the American Legion Auxiliary one of our prime concerns is of course, our veterans. We try to do all we can for those serving and who have served and often this involves food. We never turn down a request to serve food after a funeral service, nor do we charge anything, no matter how many we serve. (We do accept donations if offered.) Nor do we restrict our help to veterans only, if there is no one else to perform this service, we will do it.

Always, this involves our members, and sometimes others, bringing in food. Additionally, we contribute to many community fund raisers and host and help with bake sales and the like. Our Unit has been in existence since 1921 and we have never had an instance of anyone becoming ill after a function where we prepared the food. Nor are we aware of any other occasions in this area where anyone had a problem.

Realizing the need for some regulation we still feel that the current rules are extreme and could hamper our activities in this regard to the point that they are not useful. We respectfully urge some consideration of a modified rule.

Sincerely,

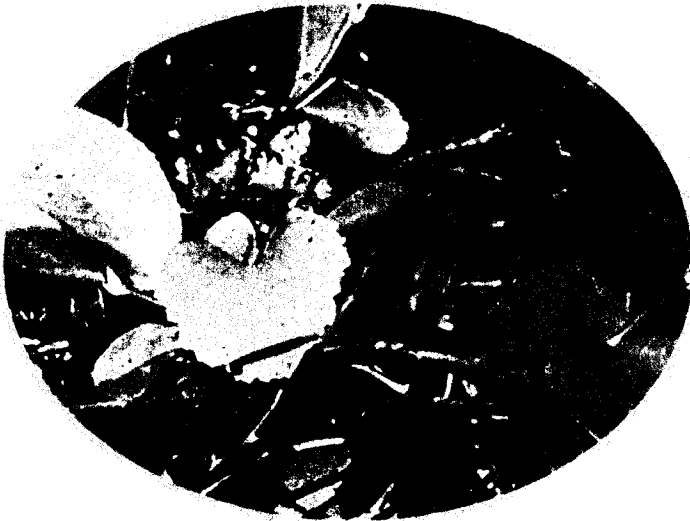
Reba Johnson

President, Broadwater Unit #42
The American Legion Auxiliary

2011 Montana Legislature

House Bill Number 191

Sponsors – Kelly Flynn (House), Terry Murphy (Senate) - Human Services Committee; January 14, 2011



My name is Diane Johnson. I have lived in Broadwater County 42 years. I am a member of Trailhead Christian Fellowship (Church), AERC- Endurance Riders, and I am an employee of the USDA Forest Service. I am urging you to support House Bill 191 for the following reasons:

- I am a home baker and cook. Through my participation in these community organizations and many others over the last 40 years I have prepared numerous home made products at my own expense for the benefit of various community charities. I represent many members of the organizations I attend as I stand here.
- Some of the people I represent and I make bread, cookies, pies, jams and jellies as items for bake sales to help those in Broadwater County. Sometimes the food we make and sell will help defray medical expenses for those who are sick or injured. Our home prepared foods have helped the Museum raise funds. Casserole dishes we have contributed help busy church people serve others at funerals.
- Many Bake Sales and other small fund raisers help **local people** raise dollars to help defray medical and associated expenses for numerous Broadwater County residents. The very nature of these fundraisers helps us to help those in our own community.
- These small, food centered, fund raisers often include eating together, visiting and enjoying each other's company.

If I had to cook in a certified kitchen I would probably not prepare anything. I usually bake my cookies at ten o'clock at night. It would be too much of a hassle to get together with a number of others and try to all cook in the same place at the same time. Let us help ourselves and each other. Support House Bill 191 and **LET US COOK AT HOME!**

Diane L. Johnson
85 Ferrat Lane
Toston, MT 59643

2011 Montana Legislature

IN Re: MONTANA HOUSE BILL 191

Sponsors -Representative Kelly Flynn and Senator Terry Murphy

Human Services Committee

Friday, January 14, 2011

My name is Linda Davis. I have lived in Townsend, Montana, for 44 years. I am a member of Broadwater CattleWomen. I am urging you to support House Bill 191.

Broadwater CattleWomen is an organization of ranch and agriculture women. We all are home bakers and cooks. Through our participation in our various community activities over the past 50 years, we have prepared numerous homemade products, at our own expense, for the benefit of our community.

We do so especially for our ONLY annual fundraiser, our rodeo barbecue. I am the chairperson of this event. We prepare the bulk of our food in a certified kitchen, but not all of our menu can be prepared there because of the time it would take to do so as well as the time constraints on certified kitchens in Townsend, Montana, during this time. It is also impossible to prepare 90 dozen cookies in this certified kitchen. It was suggested that these cookies be purchased at Costco. Doing so would reduce our revenue drastically as well as disappoint our loyal patrons. We return this revenue to the community for various projects such as field trips, scholarships, gift certificates, general small-town needs, and unfunded projects.

We have no problem following the guidelines from the county sanitarian regarding food temperatures and food handling in general. We do, however, object to not being able to supply the homemade baked goods. The logistics and distances make it impossible for the local volunteers to arrive at one point at the same time to accomplish the baking tasks. We

feel this needless food safety scrutiny by the government as part of a charitable contribution to our community.

The current law has made it nearly impossible for local organizations to follow it completely. I am asking this committee to get out of the business of regulating and permitting community fundraising. We, therefore, urge your support for HB 191 and the changes to Montana Code 50-50-202.

/s/ Linda Davis

Linda Davis, Broadwater CattleWomen

January 13, 2011

2011 Montana Legislature

In Support of MONTANA HOUSE BILL 191 Sponsors – Kelly Flynn (House), Terry Murphy (Senate)

Human Services Committee
Friday, January 14, 2011

Dear Committee,

My name is Buffy Woodring. I have lived in Townsend, Montana for 49 years. I am a member of Holy Cross Parish, and have helped with numerous local fundraisers in addition to those of the church including 4-H, Boy Scouts of America, People to People Student Ambassadors and the American Red Cross. I am urging you to support House Bill 191 for the following reasons:

I am a home baker and cook. Through my participation in my church and these community organizations over the last 49 years, I have prepared numerous home made products, at my own personal expense for the benefit of various community charities. I represent an estimated 125 members of my church and organizations in my comments on this bill.

I am requesting your support of H.B. 191 because:

1. The current law at MCA 50-50-202 puts an undue burden on Volunteers for a relatively low cost donation item

Requiring volunteers of churches and organizations to register and cook/bake all foods in a certified kitchen places a burden greater than the benefit on the volunteers. In my community, there are only a limited number of certified kitchens such as the school, restaurants and some of the churches. Certified kitchens are not necessarily free to use, nor without an additional burden of time to get permission, contact and coordinate all the volunteers, and clean up. The logistics of contacting and scheduling your typical 30 or 40 volunteer bakers for a specific kitchen are unreasonable given the purpose of the benefit. Especially funeral meals which need to be provided on short notice. An average baked item costs about \$5-\$10 in ingredients. I would spend that much on gas going to and from the designated kitchen which would defeat the purpose of my donation. My members that live out of town are even more disadvantaged.

2. The current law at MCA 50-50-202 puts an undue burden on Volunteers to become familiar with other kitchens

I am familiar with my own cooking facilities in my home. Cooking, especially baking, takes a knowledge of how your oven and equipment perform. Scurrying around with my ingredients to another kitchen, which may be no cleaner even if certified, is an undue burden for a \$10 donation item.

3. The current law at MCA 50-50-202 is an Unnecessary intrusion by the government into community activities/fundraisers of a charitable nature

Implementation of this statute as currently written and enforced is creating fear in the cooks and bakers of my community to host food related fundraisers. The people most affected are the churches, American Legion auxiliaries, and other non affiliated charitable groups that do not fall under a nonprofit tax affiliation. For example, my church, the Holy Cross Catholic Church, as with most others, is regularly called on to provide funeral meals following the funeral service. The meals are arranged by phone tree, usually occur on short notice, and are prepared in members' homes. It is the usual custom for the family to make a donation to the church for this service. Under the current language at Montana Codes at 50-50-202 and its implementing rules, **each food item** provided by church volunteers would be required to have been prepared in a certified kitchen or would necessitate a permit from the county sanitarian. This is needless food safety scrutiny by the government as part of a charitable contribution during a time of grieving.

I am asking this committee to get out of the business of regulating and permitting funeral meals, church bazaar luncheons and bake sales and other charitable community fundraising. I ask for your support of HB 191 and the changes to Montana Code 50-50-202.

E A Buffy Woodring Holy Cross Parish
E A Buffy Woodring
Signature, Organization

01-13-2011
Date

TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL #191
CO-SPONSORS: REP. KELLY FLYNN; SEN. TERRY MURPHY
Room 152 Capitol Bldg. – Friday, Jan 14, 2011

My name is Nancy Marks. I am from Townsend. I am the secretary for Canton Church Restoration, Inc.. I have been involved with fund raisers that include sale of baked goods since 1960 when I was a member of Rainbow Girls in Broadwater County. I feel I have a good deal of experience selling food to the public because I operated a food stand at the our Rodeo and Fair for nine years for a nonprofit organization, and I have either headed up or worked on specific fundraisers since 1990 that included food stuffs made in people's homes and brought to sell for these fundraisers. I cook for the potlucks and funeral dinners for Trailhead Christian Fellowship church regularly.

To date not one person has reported getting ill from eating my cooking!

I urge you to support House Bill 191 for the following reasons: It would be a burden not easily overcome to gather my ingredients, find one of the two or three certified kitchens in Broadwater County, drive from my ranch home to the kitchen, learn to use the stove and be in someone else's way for a \$10 coconut cake. In some cases I would have to pay to use the kitchen, which makes my donation even more expensive. I am now into my \$10 coconut cake about \$25. As a volunteer I would soon become disheartened with helping my organization raise \$500.

I understand county sanitarians' concerns about homemade baked goods. Don't put it in their laps: let us who organize these events police our own volunteers. We who organize food sales consistently stress all food be prepared in a clean home environment, and that baked goods which contain ingredients that spoil easily, not be brought to the sale. When I ran the food stand, the county sanitarian gave a food safety class to all my volunteers before we started. We played by the regulations set down by this body, and enforced by the county sanitarian. As a volunteer I do not need government scrutiny as part of my charitable contribution for my community.

I would like to encourage you to accept these additions to the regulations in order for us to use bake sales to raise money for important purposes in these small communities: to raise money to pay individuals' medical bills; to send high school students to tournaments; to pay for scholarships for students and to build infrastructure like Heritage Park in Townsend, where grant monies would not cover those costs.

Please committee members, change this code and its rules so the government can get out of the business of regulating and permitting funeral meals, church bazaar luncheons and bake sales. I ask for your support of HB #191.

Thank you.

Nancy Marks
Signature

Canton Church Restoration, Inc.

January 14, 2011

Date

Spaghetti Dinner FUND RAISER FOR Renee Majszak

Sunday, January 9th, 2011
12 noon to 3 pm
Townsend School
Multipurpose Room
\$5.00 per person

Silent Auction-Bake Sale
and Raffle

Renée has been diagnosed with cancer and she does not have medical insurance. The funds raised will help with medical costs.

For additional information call: 266-3186

Broadwater Health Center



KEEP BIG GOVERNMENT'S

FINGERS OUT OF OUR PIE

